Eat your Wheaties

Remember to eat a good breakfast before you give blood today - after all, you wouldn't want to pass out in class later and miss the pearls of wisdom dropping from your teacher's lips would you?

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Another holiday?

Heritage Day is not yet a national holiday, but Heritage Canada keeps working to make the third Monday in February a day for all Canadians to remember where they came from. This proposed holiday is just a small part of what Heritage Canada is doing for this country.

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Hockey Knights

Action from Wednesday night's game in Kitchener in which the Knights clinched their second consecutive ICHL league championship.

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NIAGARA COLLEGE of Applied ... Technology

Most favor on-campus residence

By BRUCE CULP
Staff Writer

Sixty-five per cent of Niagara students would rather see a proposed college residence on campus rather than off campus, a new survey reported.

After compiling 1,429 individual student surveys over the last several weeks, the college found that 900 students favor a residence on campus. The figure means 63 per cent of those surveyed preferred an on-campus residence if the idea came to life.

Twenty-seven per cent (392 students) said they wished to see the proposed residence off campus.

Ten per cent did not respond (137 students).

The poll was sent through Niagara in November so the college could get a grip on the number of students who lived away from home. The college wanted to know who would be interested in a college residence. Students were requested to mark their preference for a residence on the Welland campus, or off campus with a short walk to the school. This information was forwarded to developers.

Bette Ferguson, director of student services, will hold a meeting with developers next Wednesday.

The survey showed 75 per cent of Niagara students live at home while attending the school. The number of students who live at home is 1,065.

Last term, Niagara College was approached by private developers who had drawn up proposals for a privately-owned residence on student property. The residence would be operated by the developer, in co-operation with the college.

One developer has already built a college residence for Sir Sandford Fleming College, but off campus.

The proposed residence would accommodate 250 students in a variety of different buildings. One building would be completely barrier-free for the mobility-impaired. Other units would be tailored to the needs of married couples.

A possible location for the residence could be next to the Black Walnut building. It would be adjacent to the new Student Centre.

Bon appetit

Students slipped, slurped and made slobs of themselves at this year's jello-eating contest in the cafeteria last Monday. Jamie Heath, this year's second place winner, is seen here sucking up his fill of green jello before rushing to the other end of the cafeteria to make himself dizzy. Contestants were able to keep control of any nausea and the contest was, well, as clean as could be expected.

Photo by Reno Frado

Strict enforcement

Evaluation for a few bad apples

By LISA CHOMA
Staff Writer

Faculty evaluation requires strict management enforcement to "clean out the flagrant abusers of the system," the College Council was told on Tuesday.

The subcommittee on faculty evaluation recommended developing a policy geared toward teacher development, and one that would also take into account student input. The recommendations came after a meeting Jan. 30 on the issue.

Pat Delaney, subcommittee chairman, told council the committee was concerned with a few faculty members who were conducting their duties in a non-professional manner. The report specifically referred to such items as missing or cancelling classes, adamantly forcing class scheduling to accommodate days off for a second job, skipping if scheduling could not be arranged, and conducting second or outside job activities during class time.

"What we are doing is going after two classes of sins: people who are committing mortal sins, and people who are committing venial sins. The object here is to go after the ones — there are only a few of them — who are committing mortal sins; we are looking at trying to police the ones who are doing what they shouldn't be doing."

EVALUATION POLICY

Dr. Tony Knowles, vice president academics, told council he would certainly invite a more workable performance evaluation system than that in the policy.

"My view is that the contract is very explicit — whether a person has received permission to have an outside activity or not — it cannot interfere with the first job they are being paid for at the college."

He said that perhaps management has not paid as much attention as it should in terms of getting people to state explicitly how their other jobs mesh in with school activities.

"Policy 4-8 has not really been taken to heart by management in terms of implementation. Part of it is the realization that with a 48-hour time frame and strict adherence to 48-hour notification, almost anyone can work up a presentation in an hour if they know two days in advance that someone is going to come in to view it," Dr. Knowles said. "A lot of time it has been an exercise frustrating to management."

Dr. Knowles, who chaired the committee on policy 4-8 in 1984, said he suspected the climate in

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President said no to honor roll

The decision not to post the college Honor Roll was made by Jacqueline Robarts, college-president, on advice from Freedom of Information officials and the Ministry of Colleges and Universities.

"We are getting conflicting messages out of the ministry," Miss Robarts said. "We are trying to comply, but we're not happy."

Miss Robarts said the decision not to go with the Honor Roll was made to comply with the Freedom of Information Act. "If I don't do it, we can be charged."

"Right now, we are following the act, but looking for a way around it." Miss Robarts said legislators sometimes don't think of all the ramifications of their actions.

The Freedom of Information Act took effect in January 1989. The college had posted the Honor Roll up until that time, but Freedom of Information officials advised the college to cease the practice.

The Freedom of Information and Privaty Act has also banned Career Services from tracing graduates through third party sources. It also prohibits instructors from posting student marks on college walls.

No more extra Osap

Forms for Ontario Student Assistance Program strike assistance have arrived at Niagara's Financial Aid Office, but students seeking extra funds for the longer academic year must request that these forms be filled out by today.

The Ministry of Colleges and Universities "have not and will not extend the Feb. 16 deadline," Elaine Spark, financial aid officer, said.

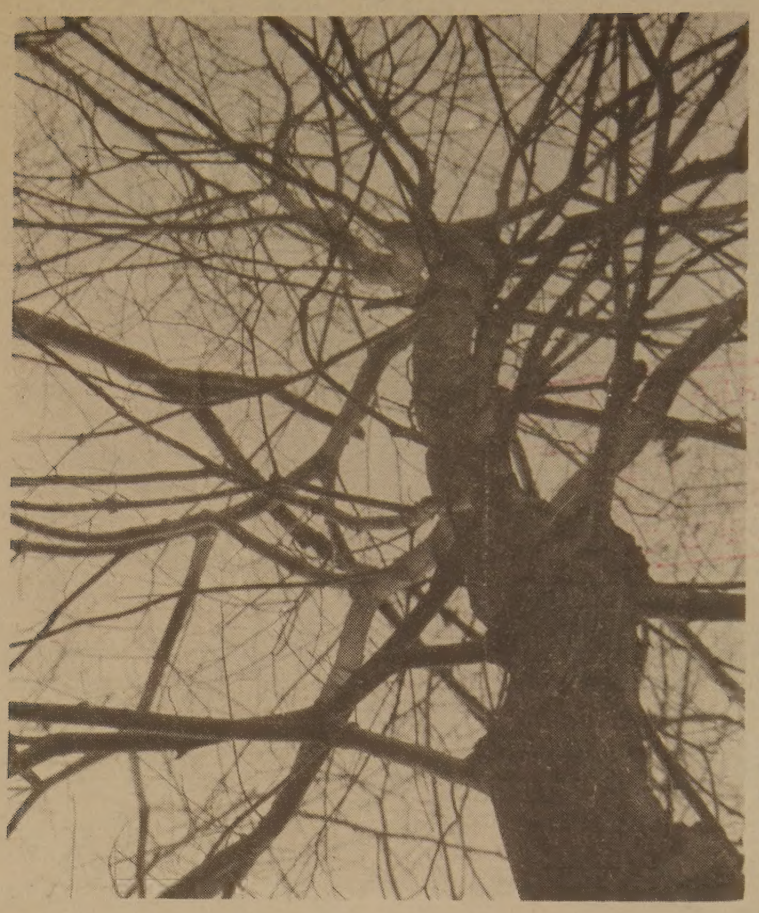
It is the student's responsibility to ask that the OSAP additional assistance forms be filled out, Mrs. Spark said.

"If they don't ask for it, they won't get it."

The additional assistance forms arrived at Niagara College on Feb. 5, Mrs. Spark said.

OSAP strike assistance is determined by a student's eligiblity for additional expenses in a number of categories, including personal living expenses and local transportation expenses. These are calculated for a two-week period, which is the total length of time the academic year has been extended.

Students who apply for additional assistance and qualify under the OSAP criteria will receive a grant cheque, Mrs. Spark said.



Look up, way up

"A tree is a nobler object than a prince in his coronation robes," Alexander Pope once decreed in verse. This behemoth has provided shade for countless generations in its long life at Ball's Falls conservation area. It has scattered leaves in fall , and stood silent in winter. As a sapling, voyageurs moved westward into this land. In 1990 it will grow another ring.

Photo by Bruce Culp

Stand back Central America, here comes Michel Parent

By RENO FRADO
Staff Writer

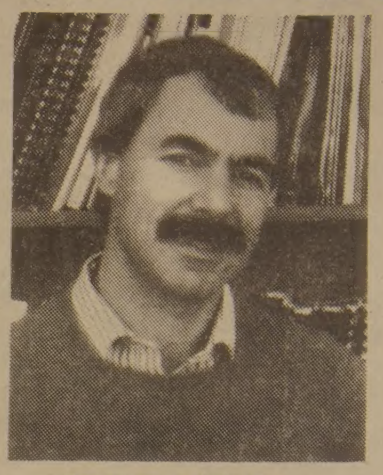
Michel Parent, administrator of French Language Services, will be leaving the Niagara College to travel to Central America.

"I'm quitting the job, the system, the whole thing," said Mr. Parent. "I've decided that two years here was enough. I need to move on."

His departure from the college may seem sudden to some, but it was all part of his plan. "I knew when I accepted the job that I would leave after two years."

Going to Central America is not a new idea for Mr. Parent. In fact, he has been thinking about it for a number of years. "I think the timing is right now."

Mr. Parent plans to work at either a school or an orphanage in Central America where he will be able to help others, as well as gain experience working in Third World countries. He said he hopes the experience he gets from his trip will help him get employment with CIDA, the Canadian International Development Agency which distributes money to agencies who help Third World counties.



MICHEL PARENT

NO STRANGER

Mr. Parent, however, is no stranger to foreign countries. He lived in the Middle East for more than a year, and has travelled through Europe and Africa. He attributes much of his past employment to his travels. "It opens a lot of doors."

After graduating from the University of Montreal with a master's degree in psychology, Mr. Parent began his work as a psychologist. Tired of hearing the same problems for four years, he quit. "I couldn't picture myself at the same job for 25 years."

Since then, Mr. Parent has been travelling from job to job and coast to coast, in search of new challenges. The diversity of his past employment is astounding. From professional squash player to oil rig cook, he's done it all.

"The status of a job means nothing to me if I'm not happy," he said. "I don't think you can achieve happiness by being material."

Mr. Parent said travelling throughout various countries is the best education there is. I'll be travelling on a low budget, but the challenge is to survive on a minimum."

LOW BUDGET

Always seeking new challenges, Mr. Parent is studying spanish. "I've been studying spanish for three months and I'll be studying it in Guatemala for the first month of my trip," he said.

Mr. Parent lives a life that does not quite fit into the status quo. He attributes his philosophy on life to a book entitled Illusions. "That book is my Bible," he said. "It has some very nice philosophy." The book was written in the 1970's by Richard Bach. "I read it once a year. It tells me that what I'm doing is okay. It's a real booster."

March 9 will be Mr. Parent's last day at Niagara College. He will be leaving for Guatemala the following week.

Following his trip to Central America, Mr. Parent plans to go to South America. "I don't know when I'll be back.""Whatever happens, I'll take advantage of it. I'm doing it for the challenge. I don't want ot be 50 years old and say, 'I should have done that.' "

Lakehead University

Degree transfers for college grads

Lakehead University in Thunder Bay is offering a degree transfer program to college diploma graduates in certain programs who want to further their professional qualification at degree level.

Secondary school liaison at the university, Donna Piovesana was at the college recently to inform students about the program. She said graduates complete their degree programs in less time because they are given advance standing.

Graduates in engineering, nursing, business administration, social work and others are eligible for admission consideration to related degree programs.

A degree program is normally three to four years, but college diploma graduates could finish it in two years depending on student's performance and what kind of courses they have been enrolled in.

Miss Piovesana said an average of B-plus is the standard acceptance. Students are evaluated when they apply. The university reviews their high school and colleg transcripts.

Some Niagara College students have applied to the university; however, she did not have figures on the number of students from here who have been enrolled there in the past. She encourages students to write or phone to the university to get more infromation.

She said the university is getting positive response from students. "It is becoming more known to students who want to extend their education."

Lakehead started as a technological institute offering diploma programs. About 25 years ago they began granting degrees.

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Second-year law and security administration student Joe Leslie, disguised as the Corpsuckle Cutie, stands in front of a billboard in the second-floor hallway of the Simcoe building. Joe and some friends — the Niagara Knight mascot and a vampire of two — will be circulating in the college today, rounding up staff and students to donate blood at the Red Cross clinic.

Photo by Elizabeth Yates

Dracula says

I vant your blood!

By ELIZABETH YATES
Staff Writer

If a sinister figure in black cape and white face should swoop down on you in the halls of Niagara College this week, don't be afraid - Dracula wants your blood all right, but you won't end up sleeping in a coffin or wincing at sunlight.

Jan Potton, who is in charge of publicity for today's Red Cross blood donor clinic, has enlisted a team of helpers for her campaign: two students dressed as Dracula will accompany the college mascot and a Corpsuckle Cutie on their rounds of all Niagara classes on Thursday. They were to be in the cafeteria Thursday and Friday and will be at the clinic today.

Mrs. Potton, who teaches psychology to law and security administration and dental assistant students, wants to make students and staff aware of some of the restrictions which may prevent them from donating - "because if they find out early they are ineligible, they are saved the inconvenience."

"I talk and talk and talk and get my students to donate - they stand in the line, and then get turned away for not knowing they should have had breakfast." She had some female students in the past turned away because they did not meet the minimum weight requirement for males and females of 100 pounds.

Donors should be sure they are feeling generally well the day of the clinic. They must be between 17 and 71 years of age - but the first-time donor age limit is 60 years. All donors should have had a recent meal before donating. If medication is being taken, it should be completed within three days of the donation. Anyone suffering from the flu, a sore throat, a cold, or a cold sore should not donate.

Peopie suffering from diabetes, infectious mononucleosis, and epilepsy are also restricted from donating. A person taking the drug accutane to treat acne is deferred from donating for five years. Those using tetracycline for the same reason are free to donate. Users of birth control pills are accepted if they are not being taken for medical reasons. Partakers of alcohol and marijuana are accepted as donors unless they are impaired.

Potential donors who have had minor surgery, such as uncomplicated appendectomy or tonsillectomy, will be accepted three months after they have completely recovered, while those with major surgical operations such as gall bladder removal or hysterectomy must not donate until six months after complete recovery.

Mrs. Potton's helpers are mostly law and security students who, she says, "have been wonderful," and deserving of recognition.

Two people are assisting with makeup for "Dracula and Co.", and on Wednesday, 16 students distributed 2,000 flyers to every car in the college parking lots. Monday, several students "hit every building and every doorway in the college," with posters giving clinic details.

Mrs. Potton said LASA students show great spirit as a group, and are always willing to promote the clinic. "You put makeup on them and dress them up, and they go wild." Preparations for the clinic began about two weeks ago and are not complete. "Everyone involved is all geared up."

Aside from her enthusiastic students, Mrs. Potton is thankful to Doug Weeks in the computer centre who kindly consented to have a message put in the students' log-on, reminding them of the clinic and to eat a good breakfast. Linda Goss, branch manager of the Welland Red Cross, was instrumental in providing information about medical restrictions on donation, and in getting the Corpsuckle Cutie costume, borrowed from the Hamilton Red Cross.

Donating blood is a "painless procedure that has incredible long-lasting benefits for other human beings," Mrs. Potton said. "Those of us who are healthy should share with those who are less fortunate." She feels donating blood should become a part of one's life, like flossing teeth.

Mrs. Potton began giving blood while a graduate student in the United States, "because they paid for it." She subsequently realized the importance of being a blood donor. Canadians take the transfusion system for granted, she said. "We rely on the goodwill of a great number of donors, and have good fortune in receiving the blood that we need."

Mrs. Potton's nursing background made her aware of the need patients have for transfusions, particularly during surgery. She has undergone two major surgical operations which required several pints of blood, and is "committed to the cause" - for five years she has been involved in the clinic at Niagara.

Those who miss the Friday clinic can donate March 30 at Notre Dame High School in Welland (Father Fogarty campus), or at Club Social in Welland on April 25.

Bingo! SAC to apply for authorization

By BAAITSE MOLAPO
Staff Writer

The Student Administrative Council might soon be operating a bingo business if they get a licence from Welland City Council.

Joe Sivak, president of Slovak Hall and a bingo operator, said he "recommends SAC have a bingo licence," if they are interested in raising extra funds for the Student Centre.

Mr. Sivak had been asked to speak to the SAC meeting Tuesday on the prospects of operating a bingo, and the advantages and disadvantages involved in the business.

The chances of making profits from a bingo operation are good, he said. On an average bingo night, the Slovak association makes about $1,800 to $2,000 in profits. "I can't see you people losing."

SAC intends to apply for a provincial licence to operate a bingo, and they have to give $3,500 each time. The licence is applied for at the city hall. With a federal licence, the amount to be given out is $5,000.

At the end of the month there is more money to be made as there are a lot of people who play at that time. On average people spend about $20 when they come to play bingo, he said.

Organizations which operate bingos have to give some of their money to charity, but since SAC can be classified as a "charitable organization," it will not have to do so, Mr. Sivak said.

Mr. Sivak, who has been involved in bingos since he was about "seven years old," offered to help SAC members in their first few operations of the business.

It is important to have a permanent following; this is the most effective way to make money. Most of those who play at the bingo halls are the same people, "I know most of them by name."

To operate the business effectively SAC will need about 13 trustworthy people, Mr. Sivak said.

Donna Flutur, SAC office manager, said the main problem is finding people to work at these bingos on a steady basis; only a small honorarium can be given to the volunteers and not an hourly wage as the licence rules state.

Night course troubles

By MARIA PULE
Staff Writer

Part-time students have trouble completing the requirements for a diploma because not all of their credit courses in each program are offered in the evening, the College Council was told Tuesday.

The timetabling subcommittee found out that the problem is due to the insufficient number of part-time students taking the courses. The committee felt some courses could be offered both during the day and evening while others could be offered only in the evening for both full-time and part-time students.

"I'm critically concerned at the moment," Tom Fraser, council chairman, said. "We actually have students who may have attained 60 per cent of their courses and the other 40 per cent just never run, and they end up going to Mohawk to get a diploma so that they can graduate from Niagara."

Mr. Fraser said the problem could be overcome by offering courses which attract enough part-time students both during the day and in the evening after 4:30 p.m. This would be part of a scheduled rotation so that there would be an overlap of day and evening time, with both full and part-time students taking the classes together.

Since there are few second and third year applicants, it was suggested these courses should be offered in the evening.

The committee proposed that full-time faculty teach "mixed" courses in the evening by combining courses which have low numbers of full and part-time students, and those full-time faculty who do not have a full schedule teach in the evening as part of their workload. The committee said it is essential that evening courses be closely parallel to the courses offered during the day.

The proposal was referred to the president.

First-time blood donor need not be afraid

As a potential first-time blood donor, have you ever wondered what will happen to you when you go to the clinic today?

First, you will be given a drink to keep your fluid levels high. Then, vital information such as your name, address and postal code will be collected by a Red Cross volunteer, who will issue you a New Donor pin.

A nurse will inquire about your medical history - have you had a bad cold or surgery recently, are you a diabetic, or currently taking medication?

Then, your finger will be pricked to determine your blood's hemoglobin level, which is its ability to carry oxygen. If 02 levels are sufficient, you are asked to lie down until a nurse puts the needle into your arm. Within 10 to 15 minutes a pint of blood will have been collected, and the needle will be withdrawn. You must put pressure on the site for a few minutes, and then are asked to put your feet over the side of the bed and sit up.

A Red Cross volunteer carries your belongings and assists you to lie down on a stretcher for another 15 minutes. Your arm is then bandaged, you're given a drink and a doughnut, and you're done.

Jan Potton, a Niagara College psychology teacher who is in charge of publicity for the clinic, advises those planning to attend to avoid the peak time of 12 noon if possible. If you go around 10 a.m., or later in the afternoon between 1:30 or 2 p.m., you are unlikely to have to wait in line.

By donating blood on Friday, you can avail yourself of an excellent opportunity to relax, while doing something to help others.

Editorials

Society trapped

Fur issue continues

The recent outburst of anti-fur activists brings about an interesting controversy. Who's to say that it wouldn't be a more natural idea to return to the ways of long ago and wear fur out of necessity?

This generation is not the first to wear animal skins. Cave men had a need for warmth and made do with what they had at hand. Back then, there were no such things as polyester and nylon.

Granted, some people use the material aspect of a fur coat as a symbol of luxury, but not all do. Some actually appreciate the warmth that comes from being wrapped in another animal's skin.

With the invention of our modernly convenient and synthetic world comes the threat of a change in our Earth. Chemicals are spewed into our water systems, pollutants are invading our precious air. It is our duty as living human beings to conserve what we have left of our planet as we know it.

No one can condone that waste of unused trapped animals whose fur is deemed unworthy, but animals do reproduce and always will. Not that four-legged animals are any less important than two-legged ones, but which are more important to preserve? Some people may have a higher regard for the four-legged species but when it comes right down to the nitty-gritty, most would rather save themselves.

Jennifer Huggins

A winner's creed

Impossible possible

On May 6, 1954, a British runner crossed a finish line in Oxford, England, and collapsed into a heap. His time: 3 minutes and 59.4 seconds. It was history.

For years, everyone had said that no one could run the mile in less than four minutes. Scientists had said it was against the laws of human mechanics — doctors and physiologists agreed the body would virtually explode under the physical strain. It was a common assumption among all the pundits that the four-minute mile was impossible.

Roger Bannister did it anyway.

Although Roger Bannister was in hospital after the famous run (the effort made him color blind for a short time), Bannister's greatest obstacle wasn't the run itself, but the people who said it couldn't be done. The psychological barrier was harder than the task itself.

Before the run Roger Bannister trained hard, but always with the creed that he could do it.

The mile is run in less that four minutes almost every day now.

Today, scientists say the Earth is beyond hope. Doctors agree that a cure for cancer is a pipedream. And we all truly believe it is impossible to save millions from starving in Ethiopia and Bangladesh.

"Every journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step," wrote Loa-tzu, a Chinese philosopher hundreds of years ago.

It is a time for all of us to reach for our Reeboks.

Bruce Culp

Remember when...

A freight wagon stands at the ready outside the railway station in St. Catharines. This wooden relic harkens back to earlier times, when trains made frequent stops at stations everywhere and filled wagons like these with the luggage of passengers or freight which had reached its destination.

Photo by Virgil Klassen

Bullpit

Valentine corporate conspiracy?

By BRUCE CULP
Staff Writer

The only fate worse than being flogged at the post is forgetting Valentine's Day. Just a little card can save anyone from torture.

We have all forgotten — and we've had to face the music for our folly. Absent-mindedness is a thin defence while in love.

"Don't you love me any more," she chides as you show up at her door with nothing in your hand but your hat. "You're so insensitive! Didn't you even get me a lousy card?"

Off to the variety store to calm the waters. It is a commonality among the male breed that the master bedroom is much warmer than the dog house. Though late, atonement can come through a card (and the promise of dinner at Rinderlins.)

Only with the luck of Cupid, have you been saved at the variety store. There is one card left; a card so gaudy that it has not found an owner. It was probably a left-over from last year. A young man can only throw his hands up in the air and cry with grief.

Historians say the tradition of St. Valentine's Day began on Feb. 14 because it was believed that birds chose their mates on this date. Sweethearts began slipping juicy notes to each other centuries ago in all the upstairs-downstairs intrigue of Romeo and Juliet.

By the late 19th century, the custom of sending anonymous cards had become so entrenched in English culture, the British post office had to hire extra sorters for the season.

This is what historians believe... they don't know the real story. The true story is not often heard.

Valentine's Day really began at the Hallmark card factory 50 years ago. One day a back-room boy in a two-foot cubicle cried, "Eureka" after coming up with a new discovery. While pouring over thousands of equations with a slide rule for weeks, the fair-haired boy calculated that a holiday didn't fall between Christmas and Easter.

He sprinted to the president's office.

"Chief, Chief... I've got it," he screamed. He imbued on the old man that the company could increase profits 20-fold by a new theme day. The boy promised lotus fruit and all the gold of King Solomon's mines.

The old codger remained stationary for a moment. He looked at his young charge.

"Okay, son, this might work. I'll increase your salary $15 a week," he said generously. He asked, "Poindexter, right?"

"No, my name is Blackwell, Chief," said the sprite lad.

(As a footnote to the story, Mr. Blackwell became famous for telling the board of directors at Coca Cola that they could increase profits by changing their secret formula, then bringing it back again).

From that time on, Valentine's Day has been a giant product of the gift card industry. The group has silenced any reporter who has threatened to expose the story. This reporter writes with the fear of death haunting him like a spectre. A brother in the industry was gunned down only last week. Watergate was never like this

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FOCUS

Them shoes were made for walkin'

By BOME MATSHABA

I was ruminating on Hegel's dialectics on Wednesday when I unceremoniously threw my worn out moccasin shoes into a garbage bag and put it in front of the house, so that they could be taken to their final resting. May their soul rest in peace.

I grieve at the loss of those shoes even though the heels were tilted to the sides and they had multiple holes in the soles. The upper leather was cracked making my small toe stick out, while the once concrete strong gold arches could no longer be bothered.

No words can describe how much I loved those shoes. The comfort they gave me and the dignity they bestowed on me will never be matched. For five long years they were my loyal and attentive subject which I could call upon anytime of day or night. They have never even once failed me. All those years they served me without complaint or even once asking for a raise. Except, of course, an occasional polishing.

Many memorable things have happened to me while in those shoes. I was wearing them when I watched my favorite soccer team miraculously winning a league cup for the very first time. I was in those shoes when I survived my first car accident and the first thing that I did when I regained consciousness was check if my shiny black moccasins were still intact.

But that was nothing, their second year in my possession was a turning point in my life. It was the year I enrolled in university and for the first time boarded a plane. Yes, you are right, I was wearing my favorite black Italian moccasins on both occasions.

From the depths of Africa, like a pebble falling into the ocean, I was tossed into the midst of Paris for two months. Into the city which is a pace setter of western civilization, renowned throughout the world for its romantic streets, and appropriately referred to as "the city of love." The country of such concepts as liberty, equality and fraternity, of such great thinkers as Jean-Jacques Roussea, Voltaire and that immortal novelist Victor Hugo.

Of course, I was wearing my moccasins when I climbed the Eiffel tower, probably the tallest structure man has ever made. Looking down at the dazzling city from the top left me panting for air. I felt like a king as I walked past the Arc de Triomphe in the centre of the city, only I was broke.

One of the last heroic acts my now-decomposing moccasins performed was accompanying me to Canada with a stopover in London. By then, I had become so used to them that they rarely left my feet. Apparently, I became careless and wore them to Niagara College pubs where, more ofter than not, they got soaked with beer, not to mention being caught by rains while trotting along Welland streets. The destructive and merciless winter salt on the roads were the death knell. Bit by bit my beloved shoes were degenerating.

At last I had to face the truth. No shoe maker could rejuvenate them. I had to buy a new pair to replace my old ones which I have relied on for five years, across three continents. Like everything else they had to obey the dialectics: a necessary movement and, alas, a passing over into the opposite.

Niagara student sentenced to "The Chair"

By ELIZABETH YATES

Ring! Oh no, not again... It was my dentist's receptionist calling to remind me I was due for a checkup. Arrggh! To me a trip to the dentist is near the top of my list of fun activities — along with diving naked into a pit of vipers, and slamming my baby finger in the car door.

Trembling in every limb at the thought of pointed metal instruments in contact with sensitive mouth tissue, I of course procrastinated, occupying my time with more pressing matters such as setting up an alphabetical album file and de-linting my sweaters.

Imagine my dismay when I found out about the free dental clinic at Niagara College. No longer could I make excuses for my oral negligence - this check-up could easily fit into a cavity in my timetable, and more important, it would be free. I marched upstairs to the clinic, gritting my teeth. Disarmed by its pleasant atmosphere and the friendly smile of the receptionist, I made an appointment in January, and not April as I had intended.

The fateful day came, and I found myself in The Chair. I mean the singular combination of torture apparatus and Lay-Z-Boy that dentists use to render their victims, that is patients, vulnerable. As The Chair reclined, layers of dignity and maturity fell away until I became an amoebic mass of quivering fear. Supine, upside down, and incapable of self-defence or escape, I abandoned all hope and resigned myself to some minutes of agony.

Silver implements flashed at lightning speed while the dentist, a disarmingly genial fellow, practised his arcane rituals. Unblessed by either gas or injection, I bravely underwent a full dental examination, which is akin to nails being drawn across a blackboard — only inside my mouth.

Mercifully soon, the ordeal was over. The dentist's grin aroused suspicion that some major restorative work was in order. No dentist ever feels his day is really complete without a few hours of drilling holes and filling them in. (Perhaps this stems from a secret desire to work in mining or construction). This dentist must have had his fill of the drill that day, for he let me go away intact.

"Your mouth is very clear, and I can't find any problems," he said (somewhat reluctantly). Faint with relief, I stumbled from the clinic as fast as my rubbery knees would allow. The ordeal was over, and with a feeling of triumph, I headed to the nearest vending machine to stock up on some sugary treats. After all, it would be at least another year before I would have to face The Chair.

Student longs for home

By GOLEKANYE MOLAPISI
Staff Writer

It is a new day in one of the largest cities in the world; everything is bursting with activity. People wake up to sounds of roosters crowing and children screaming. Natives and tourists alike are going up and down through the dusty, narrow streets of Calcutta, India. To a tourist it's a dream come true to see all the traditional and magnificent sights of the city but the other part of Calcutta, which is rife with poverty, escapes the tourist eye.

Santanu Gangoly, a second-year electrical engineering technology student, said despite all the activity and suffering endured by the poor in Calcutta he still misses the place.

"Home is best. Calcutta is a city of joy," he said.

An exchange student from the province of West Bengal, he is trying to do a three-year course in two years. "I want to finish as fast as I can and go back home to join my family."

Trying to do the course in two years involves a lot of hard work and many sleepless nights, but he thinks it is worth it.

"If I can do it, that gives me an advantage over other students. I will be a year ahead of them in the work force." He takes nine subjects in his effort to complete the program in two years.

Santanu whose mother tongue in Bengali said he does not have any academic problems due to a language barrier. "I learned English when I was very young in India, but I have trouble with my accent," he said.

Santanu, who collects stamps, coins and reads novels in his spare time, said, "Canada is all right; it is not a good place or bad place. I have not socialized very much and I do not know how an average Canadian thinks. All I can say is that it looks all right to me."

He came to Canada in 1988 from India as an exchange student. He said he went to one of the largest high schools in India with a population of about 13,000.

"This school has got the highest number of student suicides in the country because of the competition."

He thinks Niagara College students are not very competitive.

India, which has a population of about 800 million, is the largest democracy in the world. The country has various religious groups with the Sikhs, Hindus and Muslims as the dominant ones.

Santanu who is Hindu by religion said the country is being torn apart by poverty, illiteracy and religious tension. The Sikhs who are easily recognized by their head turbans, are fighting for a separate Punjab state.

The climatic conditions vary from one region to another. In the same year one region might experience floods while another is beset by drought.

Santanu does not think anything will change despite a new government which was elected late last year. The new government is led by VP Singh who put an end to Rajiv Gandhi's rule

"I have little hope in politicians because during elections they make promises they never carry out," he said.

Many of India's 800 million people are found in cities and towns. People leave the rural areas in the hope of finding jobs in large industrial areas. Santanu said this leads to many problems like widespread unemployment, overcrowding and poverty.

Since coming to Canada in 1988, Santanu said his source for information about India had been through letters from his parents and the media. Although there has been some news coverage recently about events in India, Santanu feels that the western media is biased and does not truly represent what is going on.

Santanu's father is an engineer and his sister is a doctor. His favorite sport is cricket and his favorite team is the West Indies.

Letters to the editor

Bowmanville reunion on June 22,23

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Thanks to all

Dear Editor:

On behalf of myself, Robert Clare, college plumber, and my wife Rita, we would like to thank fellow employees and the OPSEU Union for cards and flowers sent to her when she was in hospital recently.

Thank you again
Robert Clare

Former ski slope patroller enjoys serving the public

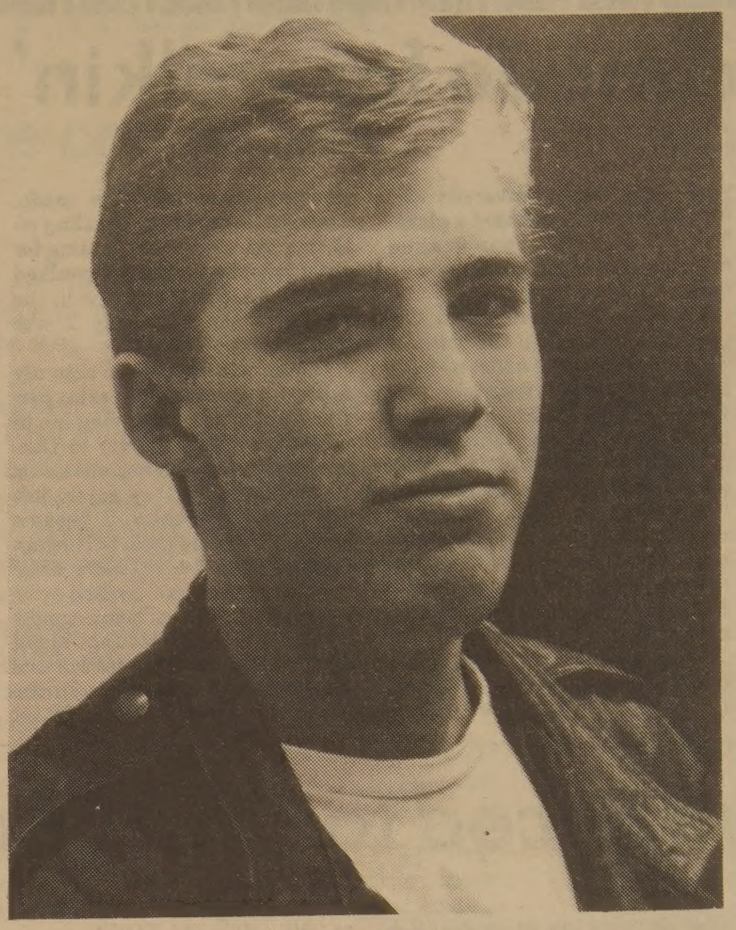
By SHEILA MCBRAYNE
Staff Writer

Twenty-year-old Rob Galley spent three years dashing down the slopes of Raven Mountain, but he was more than an avid skier; he was on ski patrol.

Rob, a first-year law and security student, was a member of the Canadian Ski Patrol System from 1986 to 1989 in his hometown of Kirkland Lake.

"We're like a walking band-aid station," he said. "We stabilize and get you to a hospital. We can help in anything from a broken finger to the birth of a child."

The CSPS is an all-volunteer organization and spans from coast to coast. "We're not known too widely, unless you're a regular skier, but we're there. You don't know us, until you need us," Rob said. The CSPS is funded by the Wintario Corporation, fundraising, corporate and private donations.



ROB GALLEY

Accidents

"There have been some compound fractures, broken clavicles and broken necks, but I've only helped about three injured knees, four or five broken legs and about seven deep cuts," he said. He usually had a lot of smaller accidents. "I was shocked if I didn't have at least one accident a weekend."

"The worst accident I've seen was a little kid who broke his leg and went into muscle spasms," he said. The father of the boy refused Rob's assistance and demanded a doctor.

"I like to help people. Being a ski patroler allows me to help the public. You're not glorified with a lot of power. No one there is professional, and no one is paid, we're just there to volunteer our help."

Rob started skiing with his father when he was four. He gave ski lessons at Kirkland Collegiate for two years, and was a first aid instructor in 1988. Rob volunteered about 26 hours a week with the CSPS.

First Aid

First aid training for patrol members is through the CSPS, which confers with doctors and surgeons on how to treat injuries better. First aid training begins in September and finishes in December and the qualifications must be renewed every year. The ski season usually runs from about December until March, but it varies because Raven Mountain has all natural snow.

Rob hasn't skied since he came to college. "I miss it this year but it wouldn't be the same in southern Ontario," he said. "We had no snow makers. We had natural snow and two packers as old as me."

The CSPS would probably not work as well if it had paid members, Rob said. "The smaller hills that couldn't afford it would have a lot of accidents without any immediate medical help."

Skiing debut downhill from start to end

By SHEILA MCBRAYNE
Staff Writer

SHEILA MCBRAYNE

At 7:15 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 31, I was kidnapped. I was abducted by two friends from the warmth and security of my bed, and was put through the ultimate torture and pain - skiing. My hands were strapped to ski poles and my legs were shackled to the skis, and then it happened. We hit the slopes - literally.

The biggest misconception about skiing is that speed measures the ability of the skier. Wrong. Yes, I was flying down the slopes, but only for one reason. I couldn't stop! Within minutes of my skiing debut, I developed my own technique which I called the "butt strut" (butt, back, head, side - whatever I fell on). All I had to do was gain speed, wipe out and slide as far down as I could.

Embarrassment

My first ride on the ski-lift saw little embarrassment; unless, of course, one found embarrassment from falling face first in a position involving two ski poles, one ski, a scarf, an arm and hair. I was beyond embarrassment. I had already been labelled "the first time skier" by everyone except a two-year-old boy who whizzed by me saying nothing more than "Ma Ma, Da Da" and "zooooom". Embarrassment was no longer a word; it was my religion.

My second trip down the slopes was smoother. I guess, because my body was immune to pain or it was just numb from the snow packed within my four layers of clothing. My first successful flight was rudely interrupted by an unmarked intersection with a 90-degree turn and lots of trees.

No one sympathized with the pain of being clotheslined by a poplar, tripped by a baby oak, and nose-tackled by a muscular maple. I'm sure someone did pity me, but no one stopped to tell me so, or to even help me up. Even my captors abandoned me. I was caught - by the Ski Patrol.

"Hey, you, get out of there! Get out of the woods! You're not suppose to be in the woods," she yelled to the whole world. Did she think I wanted to be there?

After a lecture in ski safety, I was allowed to go with a warning that the next time I would have to leave. I actually had to think twice about the invitation. I slowly mastered skiing with a lot of patience and pain. On my last run of the day, a smiling little boy let me go ahead of him. I thought it nice that I had finally found some sincerity on the slopes.

Glory

I was dashing from side to side, cutting into the snow like a pro. I deserved this glory. I worked hard to accomplish such composure. My glory died when I was cut off by another skier, and went for an extended version of the front roll.

Still standing was the eight-year-old boy with the same pompous smirk that I mistook for a smile earlier. Skiing was survival. To survive, I learned not to have friends and never trust anyone who is shorter that his 140 cm fluorescent pink fiberglass Rossignol Pro-Wing skis.

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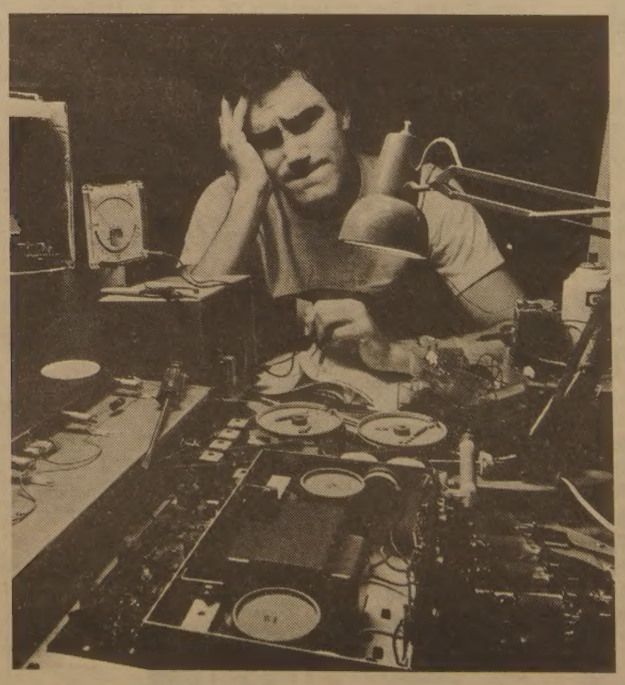

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Soviets deciding type of democracy: Moscow News director

By TONY POST
Staff Writer

As her countrymen in the Soviet Union depend on newspapers like hers for reliable information, the people who heard Luidmilla Eniutina speak at Brock University questioned her extensively about events in Russia and other east bloc countries. Mrs. Eniutina is the foreign editions director for the Moscow News, a paper that is published in nine languages.

The room in which she spoke was crowded. The chairs stood in disarray and at all angles to one another. It was almost a microcosm of the confused state of affairs in her motherland.

This confusion exists partly because newspapers, like hers, which publish information not told in the official accounts by Tass and Pravda, create greater awareness of the issues, allowing Soviets to make better informed decisions.

These are very different times from the period of stagnation when people said one thing but meant another, Mrs. Eniutina said. "At the moment I believe we do enjoy freedom of the press. People are full of strength, and ready to do something."

Luidmilla Eniutina, an editor with the Moscow News, discusses recent events in the Soviet Union with students and members of the press at Brock University last Thursday. About 60 people attended the informal meeting, the largest group she spoke with in her two weeks of speaking engagements at Canadian universities.
Photo by Tony Post

IN MOSCOW

This was evidenced last week by the huge demonstrations that took place, not in the republics, but in Moscow. An estimated 200,000 people took to the streets pressing for more democratic reforms, in particular, the abolition of Article 6 of the Soviet constitution which guarantees absolute power to the Communist Central Party Committee.

"I am very happy to hear about the demonstrations," Mrs. Eniutina said. "For me these are really happy times and evidence that we are on the way to a democratic society."

This is quite a departure from her paper's earlier stand. "(A few years ago) our idea was to show how undemocratic democracy was by stereotyping Americans and their democracy. There is one set of rules for people at the top, and another for ordinary people."

Mrs. Eniutina, who spoke to about 60 people at Brock on Feb. 8, the last engagement of her two-week visit to Canada, was surprised by the events of the past weeks.

"It seemed to me too early a stage for the Communist party to talk of a multi-party state. Communist Central Party Committee members enjoy special privileges that I did not think they would give up."

Mrs. Eniutina made it clear, however, that Soviets are not pushing for a western style democracy. "We are not ready to abandon social benefits that exist now in our society."

STILL ILLEGAL

The Moscow News, when it was first published, was intended for foreigners. But, in those early days, Soviet students and school children bought it to learn foreign languages. Today, subscriptions to the Russian language version are still illegal in the Soviet Union, although it is sold on newsstands.

"People line up first thing in the morning, and when the paper hits the newsstand, it's gone in five minutes," Mrs. Eniutina said.

"Our version of events in (places like) Azerbaijan differs a lot from official news in the east and west. We try to be in the forefront."

It hasn't been easy for the Moscow News to achieve this success. Reporting the news now is completely different from the days when the state dictated the news. "This kind of investigative journalism that is practised in the west, we are learning (only now)," she said.

Public opinion wasn't always in favor of a free press. "Our paper published a lot on the Stalin purges, hoping the same thing would not happen again. We received a lot of letters saying we were playing into the hands of capitalists and misdirecting Soviet young people."

Mrs. Eniutina worked with another news agency for 16 years before the job offer from the Moscow News came.

"I jumped at the chance. It was a very rare opportunity."

Mrs. Eniutina doesn't think Soviet president Mikhail Gorbachev is endangering his position by opening the doors so wide to reform.

NO OTHER

"Gorbachev enjoys the support of the majority of the population. There is no other leader who is so resolute in making these changes and proceeding with them. We'd like them to proceed faster, but perhaps it's cautious (for Gorbachev) as a statesman to take the middle. It's difficult to predict what will happen in the future, but I hope Gorbachev stays."

The Soviet Union, like Canada, must also deal with the problem of ethnic nationalities. There are more than 100 minorities in the Soviet Union. "There are strong separatist movements... (but) the country's economic ties are so strong, I don't believe these places will survive if they go on their own." Mrs. Enuitina admits that it's not easy. She thinks the Soviet Union will remain a union, but that the republics will gain more independence.

Glasnost and perestroika have also led to an increase in foreign investment. "The Soviet economy is in such a poor state, that they are ready to accept anything." The newly opened McDonalds, just down the street from the Moscow News, is a prime example. "I certainly don't like McDonalds," Mrs. Eniutina said.

As for democracy in the Soviet Union, Mrs. Eniutina said, "We haven't found a way to enjoy the benefits of a free market society, without things like unemployment. We are changing everything. We are trying to find our way to democracy."

The Moscow News is available in Canada. Subscriptions to the weekly paper cost $24, and are available from Troyka, a Soviet bookstore in Toronto. The phone number is 535-6693.

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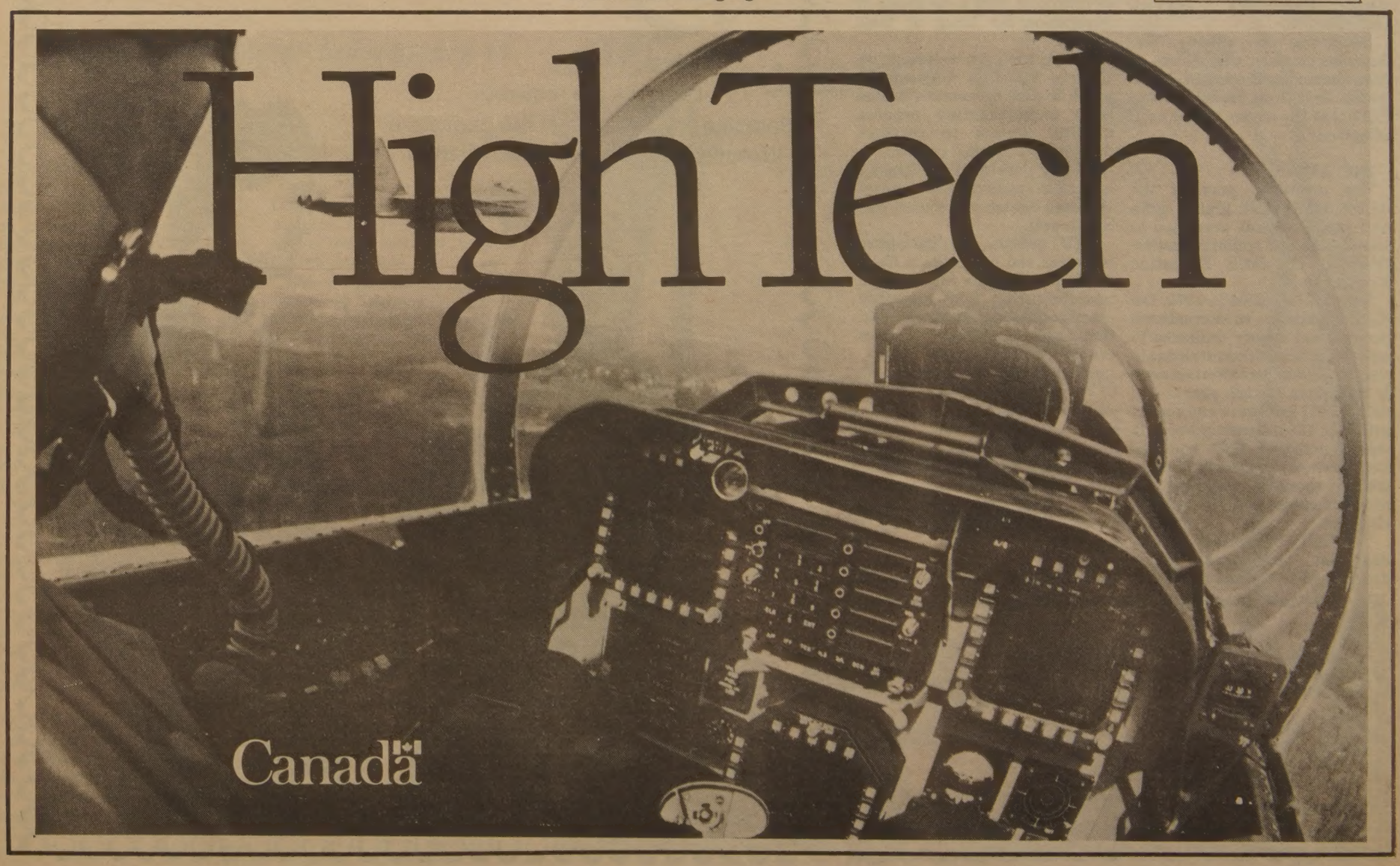

Tony Knowles, vice-president of academics, is receiving a cheque for $19,145 from George Churchill, senior adviser to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization. The cheque represented four pieces of manufacturing software.

Photo by Richmond Mahehe

Niagara College gets engineering software

The Society of Manufacturing Engineers Foundation yesterday presented Niagara College with four pieces of manufacturing engineering software, valued at $19,145 (U.S.)

The cheque, which represented the software packages, was presented to Tony Knowles, vice-president academics, by George Churchill, senior adviser to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (Manufacturing) who serves as a volunteer consultant to the Canadian Executive Service Organization.

Receiving the cheque, Dr. Knowles thanked the Society of Manufacturing Engineers Foundation for its help. He assured the SME that the money will be used effectively.

BIG AWARD

The award is part of the $1,205,365 in cash grants, gifts and special awards presented to universities and technical institutions by the SME Education Foundation.

Since its inception in 1979, the SME foundation, an international professional society dedicated to advancing scientific knowledge in manufacturing, has awarded nearly $4 million in cash grants and nearly $2.5 million in equipment grants to 239 different schools. It was founded in 1932 and has thousands of members in 72 countries. It sponsors more than 300 senior chapters and 190 student chapters.

The SME foundation grants, designed to spur new developments in manufacturing technology and productivity and to further manufacturing engineering as an educational discipline, are awarded each year.

The SME foundation grants are made in five areas: capital equipment, student development, faculty development, curriculum development and research initiation.

GIVEN CERTIFICATE

Mike Cipryk, chairman of student SME chapter, awarded Mark Smith, general supervisor in quality insurance, with a certificate of recognition for being at their seminar.

Mr. Smith gave a lecture on Quality Function Deployment which he said represents a change from manufacturing process quality control to product development quality control.

Quality Function Development started in Japan as have many of the ideas brough to America, Mr. Smith said.

QFD defines and translates customer and competition likes, dislikes and needs into design, manufacturing and assembly specifications, and strategies, Mr. Smith said. In addition, it defines critical quality control checkpoints and methods for each step of the entire process.

Give blood TODAY

Banners will improve image

Window banners bearing the college name are likely to be seen in student cars in an effort to improve the college image and reputation.

Jack Lazoren, a business student representative, said Niagara College lacks the reputation enjoyed by other colleges and universities. Window banners bearing the name of the college and Student Administrative Council will be a good way to improve the college image.

Donna Flutur, SAC office manager, said the idea has already been approved by the administration.

Each banner will cost about 61 cents to produce and will be sold to students for about $1.

Donna said profits from the sales will go to the marketing and business program for use in the trips and projects.

The promotion and sale of the window banners will be carried out by the marketing and business class over a two-year period.

Clarke productions came up with the idea of producing banners for Niagara College. The idea was then presented to the senior business class through their teacher.

Jack said Brock University students drive around in cars bearing their school name. This makes the school known country wide.

Heritage Day may be national holiday

By VIRGIL KLASSEN
Staff Writer

If Heritage Canada had its way, Monday would be a national holiday.

Heritage Day would be a day for celebrating the Canadian heritage and recognizing the multicultural background of this country. The third Monday in February, Feb. 19 this year, has been suggested as Heritage Day.

For many winter-weary Canadians, the idea of a holiday in February is appealing. Heritage Day would fall right in the middle of the stretch between New Year's and Easter – a period of three months or more (depending on when Easter falls). The Heritage Day as a national holiday idea reappears every few years and then fades away again.

Private Member's Bills have been introduced in the House of Commons on several occasions to establish Heritage Day, but the bills have not been acted upon.

The campaign for Heritage Day has been going on since the early 1970's. In 1973, the Heritage Day idea was proposed by the standing committee on justice and legal affairs and endorsed by Heritage Canada.

Heritage Canada, a federal conservation foundation established in 1973, is a national trust concerned with the conservation of buildings, sites and scenic areas that are important to the country's cultural roots. It has concentrated on preserving the main streets of small towns and lobbied the federal government to preserve old railway stations. It has also lobbied for changes in the tax system which would contribute to the preservation of early commercial and industrial structures.

Heritage Canada's public campaign for heritage awareness continues to the present day, and a big part of that campaign has been the establishment of a national Heritage Day on the third Monday in February.

Heritage Day would be a chance for Canadians to celebrate all the things that give this country its special character. Since a great deal of the rest of the world thinks that Canada is a land of eternal ice and snow anyway, what better time could there be to celebrate the Canadian heritage than smack-dab in the middle of winter?

Many local groups, both multicultural and historical, are affiliated with Heritage Canada. In Welland, the Welland Heritage Council will kick off Heritage Week on Feb. 18 with a multicultural concert at Centennial Secondary School.

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Niagara school boards receive information on college programs

By PAULA RITZ
Staff Writer

By the fall term of 1990, secondary students from Niagara South school boards will be informed on how to prepare and succeed in programs available at Niagara College, Dennis Malone said.

"This agreement will provide a much closer link between the college and the school board." "It will also help students find career possibilities," Mr. Malone, director of Communications and Academic Studies, said.

Niagara South school board will be assigned a secondary school principal who will work with the college on this assignment. Mr. Malone said the articulation could possibly go further than just with Niagara South school board.

Mr. Malone, who was asked to be the liaison by Dr. Tony Knowles, vice-president academics, said although September is not for another eight months, work has already been started on the project.

The objective is to familiarize secondary school students with what is exactly involved in their programs of interest. It will inform the students as to which credits are needed in high school to be accepted and do well in specific programs.

The agreement was signed on Dec. 5 by Jacqueline Robarts, president of Niagara College. Marvin Townshend, director of the project, and Mary Anne Toomath-Seppala, chairman of the college Board of Governors. When students come to college they usually come with a career goal in mind, and with this project going into effect, students will have somewhat of a course blueprint available to them, Mr. Malone said.

"It provides shorter term goals...so the students know where they're going and how to get there," Mr. Malone said.

"It's important for students in high school to be aware of the opportunities available to them....By working with these students it gives them the incentive to choose a course and do well as a result," Miss Robarts said.

The agreement will allow interaction between college teachers and high school teachers to increase, Mr. Malone said.

The articulation between the college and the secondary school should provide for shared provincial activities; it may provide for college teachers to sit in for a week in a high school classroom and vice versa, Mr. Malone said. The teachers will look at the different teaching skills used, which will assist them with a better understanding as to what student's capabilities are when they arrive at college.

"It will really open up for exchanges like this," Mr. Malone said.

NOT THE FIRST

Niagara College is not the first to work on a project like this; Seneca College of Applied Arts and Technology in Toronto has been working closely with Georges Vanier Secondary School in the same way.

"If you get them when they first begin high school (Grade 9), they'll say, 'hey, they care about our future,'" and it is hoped they will care about their future as well, Mr. Malone said.

Mohawk college in Hamilton, as well, is working with the same technique as Niagara College; it is linked with Westmount Secondary School on a one-to-one basis.

Sheila Sim, Academic Planning and Program Development Department at Mohawk, said the college is in its concluding stages of finalizing this project.

"It should be finalized by the end of the month," she said.

MORE SCHOOLS

Meanwhile, the college is pulling together two other secondary schools — Halton Public and Halton Separate, with Sheridan College in Oakville — into the project.

"The Connection Program," is the official name for the project, "but you often hear it being referred to as the Linkage Program," Mrs. Sim said.

Tying knots

Colleges exchange staff, share ideas

By MAHUBE MPUGWA
Staff Writer

The 1990s will likely experience the tying of knots between educational institutions in Canada and the United States, as these institutions on both sides of the border engage in developing programs of mutual interest.

A delegation led by college president Jacqueline Robarts met Feb. 5 with board members of the Niagara County Community College in Sanborn, N.Y. The meeting discussed an agreement to enable Niagara College and the American college to develop programs and services that would allow the exchange of staff and sharing of ideas.

Miss Robarts presented a draft copy of an articulation agreement which will be examined and discussed in detail at the next meeting. She was accompanied by the the vice-president of administration, Hans van der Slagt; the vice-president of academics, Tony Knowles, and George Repar, director of planning, research and development.

PROMOTE EXCHANGE

Mr. Repar said if the agreement is established it would promote the exchange of staff and students between Ontario and New York state.

"It is an excellent international education program." he said. The venture is part of a campaign by Ontario colleges for an international outreach.

Niagara County Community College is located within 20 minutes of the city of Buffalo. It offers more than 30 associate degree programs.

The college recently signed an agreement enabling its nursing program graduates to transfer up to 51 credits to attain a BSc in nursing in two years at D'Youville College in Buffalo. Similar agreements for other programs are already in existence within educational institutions in the United States.

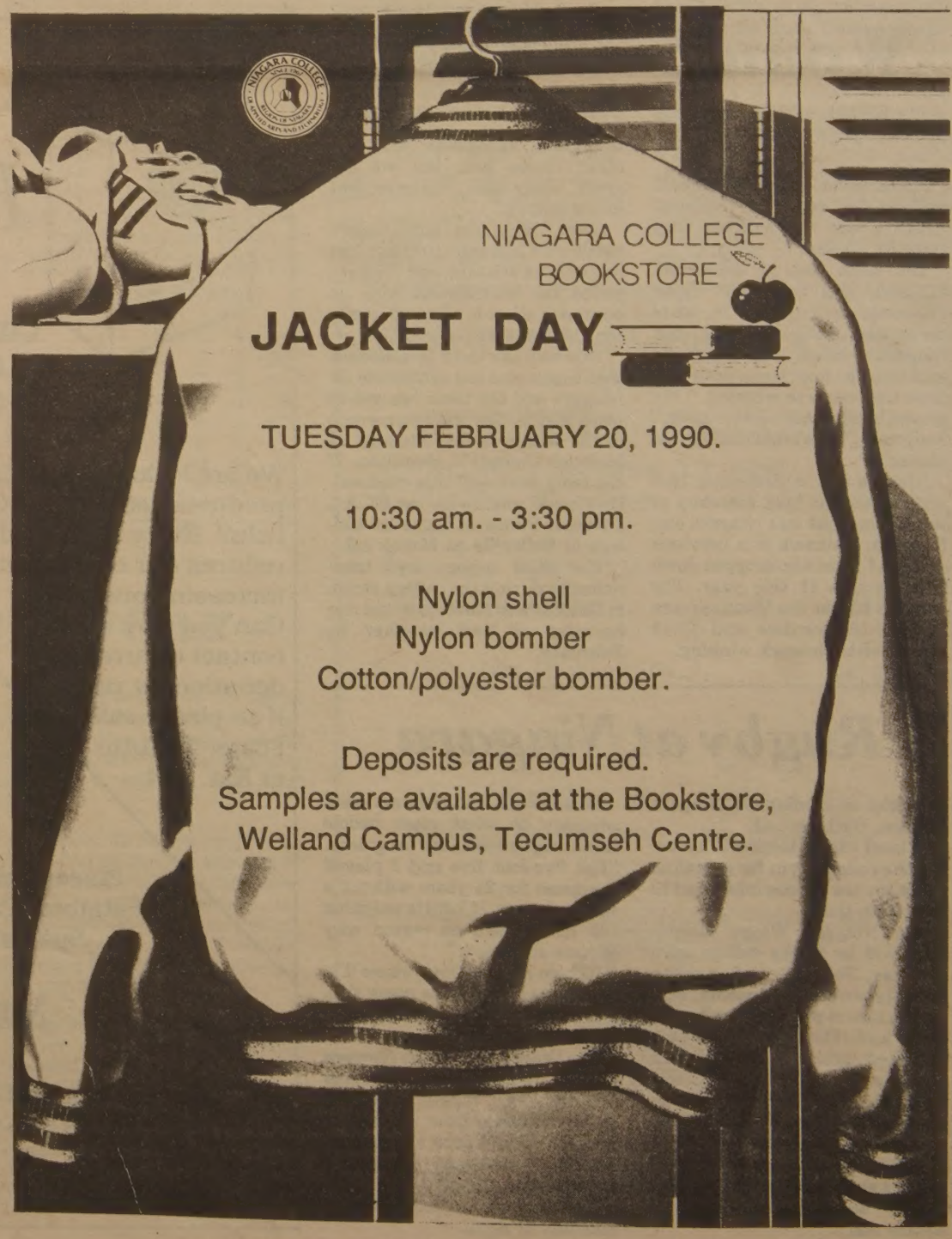
ANOTHER PROPOSAL

Niagara College and NCCC are already considering an international trade and commerce program proposed by a Niagara College staff member, Dave Taylor. Study teams consisting of representatives from both sides are looking into the development of the program.

"We hope to start going in 1991," Mr. Repar said.

"The international trade and commerce program is important because of the physical proximity of our regions, and the issue of Free Trade is dominant in both regions."

The two colleges expressed interest in a joint program in hospitality and tourism.



Sports

Men's volleyball eyes OCAA finals

By RICHMOND MAHEHE
Staff Writer

Niagara College men's volleyball won three of their five matches played over the weekend at Cambrian College, Sudbury, in the final season tournament of the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association

The Knights defeated St. Lawrence of Cornwall Friday night in a best of three by the scores 15-10 and 15-13. Chris Curry led the Knight offence with eight kills, while Marc Sigouin had six. Warren Curral and Scott Young had five each and Steve Watton helped with four. Jack Vangeytenbeck, who played in the second game of the match, contributed one.

Defensively, the Knights were not as strong at the net as they blocked only eight spikes. Young was the top blocker with three, Curral had two, Watton, Brian Jiles and Sigouin had one each

The Knights were out played defensively and offensively in their second match by the much stronger and more experienced Algonquin College.

The Knights were defeated in two games by scores of 15-4 and 15-5. They allowed only seven spikes; they were blocked six times when attempting to score. Curry was the only spark visible in the team. Curry and Sigouin had two spikes each, while Watton and Jiles had one each.

The Knights regrouped on Saturday and won the first two matches. They had to win them to remain in fourth position.

NEXT DAY

In the first match of the day, they easily defeated Sir Sandford Fleming College of Peterborough 15-4 and 15-5 in two games. They blocked 20 Fleming spikes. Marc Sigouin led with eight kills, while Curry had seven, and Brian MacDonald added two. Young, Jiles and Curral contributed one each. Curry was again the best player for Knights defensively.

Later, the Knights took on George Brown College, Toronto. George Brown was easily defeated 15-5, but bounced back to tie the match in the second game 15-5. However, the Knights were strong in the third game and walloped them 15-10.

Niagara's defence and passing broke down in the second game of the match which allowed George Brown to gain strength and win the game. That momentum was carried into the third game and during the first minutes of the game, they led the Knights 10-6.

However, two strong kills from Sigouin and MacDonald helped the Knights control the serve and the game as they bounced back to win the decisive match.

4TH SPOT

The win gave the Knights a lock on fourth position while knocking George Brown out of the sixth and final playoff position. Sigouin led the offence again with five kills. MacDonald and Young had four and three each. The Knights blocked 11 spikes.

The Knights were defeated in two games by St. Lawrence, Kingston, by 15-6 and 15-6 in their final match of the tournament. The Knights were outplayed at the net; they could only block eight spikes from their opponents. Sigouin who was the steadiest player along with Curry had five spikes. Watton got four and Curry had three. Paul Hill and Young contributed two each.

The Knights will travel to Kingston on Feb. 22 for the Ontario Colleges Athletics Association division two playoffs tournament. The top two teams from the tourment will then move on to OCAA finals.

The Niagara Knights men's volleyball team: back row (left to right) — Ray Sarkis (coach), Ben Mercier (assistant coach), Steve Watton, Scott Young, Paul Hill, Brian Jiles, Jason Taibossigai, Chris Curry and Dave Brouwer; front row (left to right) — Winston Crosse, Marc Sigouin, Brian McDonald, Jack Vangeytenbech, and Warren Curral. The Photo by Ray Sarkis

Women winless

By SHEILA McBRAYNE
Staff Writer

Home court advantage meant nothing to women's volleyball Knights last weekend as they came up winless — again.

The team lost to Redeemer, Mohawk and Lambton. Close. Closeness only counts in horse shoes and hand grenades, but Niagara's coach Judy Halaiko said she was impressed with how close they came to winning. " We played better than we ever have," Judy said. "The team has a great attitude."

Niagara lost to Redeemer 15-9 and 15-10. The best matchup of the tournament was Niagara and Mohawk. Mohawk is a previous division I team who dropped down into division II this year. The Knights fought the Mountaineers in a 17-15 overtime and 15-13 match with Mohawk winning.

"It was obvious we didn't have the game experience that the other teams had, but we did great," Judy said. "We were right in the games."

After losing the hard fought battle with Mohawk, the team lost its positive attitude and Niagara ended the tournament with an apathetic effort in a loss to Lambton, 15-1 and 15-5.

This was the third tournament (two league and one exhibition) for Niagara and the team has yet to win a match. The last tournament of the season is this weekend at Mohawk College in Hamilton. If the team does well this weekend, they could qualify for the OCAA Division Finals at Loyalist College in Belleville on March 2,3.

The team missed two tournaments during the college strike in October and November and one because of bad weather in February.

Rugby at Niagara

Rugby is coming to Niagara College. Well, sort of.

A local rugby team will be using the college gym for practices and it invites anyone interested to come join them.

The Niagara Wasps Rugby Club will be in the college gym Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 8 p.m. to start its pre-season training. Full instruction is provided for beginners and the club has two qualified coaches at practice sessions.

"Many of our players are former students of the college," club president Tony Jones said.

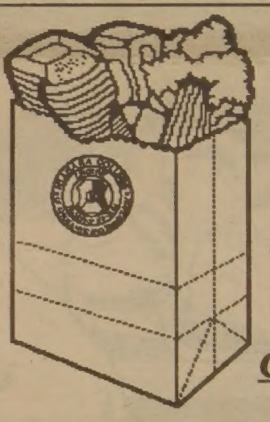
"We're always looking for new players and we're more than willing to teach newcomers from square one."

Head coach Ian Stewart said, contrary to what most people think, rugby isn't just for giants. "I'm five-foot five and I played the game for 25 years without a serious injury. If I did it weighing 145 lbs. there's no reason why anyone else can't."

"There are positions where it is an advantage to have some size, but there are just as many where size is no object."

The Wasps play in the Niagara Rugby Union Intermediate League. The league includes teams ranging from Sarnia to Toronto. The Wasps are making plans for a week-long playing trip to Bermuda this fall.

The team begins its pre-season schedule in April.



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Sports

Knights clinch ICHL crown

By JOHN BLACKWELL
Staff Writer

The Big Blue Machine clinched their second consecutive ICHL league championship Wednesday night, with a 3-2 victory over Conestoga College.

Niagara's hockey squad rose to the occasion to win on the road in Kitchener against the Condors and stretch their win streak to 12 games.

The Knights had set the stage to clinch the title last Saturday by thrashing the University of Rochester Yellow Jackets 10-2 at the Welland Arena.

The Mooridian brothers led the Knights this week, scoring a goal each against the Yellow Jackets, and then connecting again against Conestoga for the tying and winning goals to put the league crown out of reach.

Wednesday night in Kitchener, Dave Mooridian opened a 2-1 lead for Niagara with a short-handed goal at 6:47 of the first period. Only 39 seconds earlier, Jeff Mazi had tied the game for the Knights on the power-play.

Conestoga replied with 49 seconds to play in the opening period to leave the teams tied 2-2 after one.

The teams were playing evenly-matched, entertaining hockey when Mike Mooridian scored to break the deadlock with eight minutes remaining in the middle period. This mark proved to be the game-winner and title clincher.

Once the lead was in their hands the Knights produced their most impressive defensive effort of the season. Niagara held the Condors scoreless on the Olympic-sized rink for the last forty minutes of the game.

Jim Darling was spectacular in net for Niagara, with several outstanding saves in the final period to maintain the margin.

SUPERB GAME

Joe Passero had a superb game on defence.

The game was far less physical than anticipated after the fight-filled exhibition game between the teams Jan. 6 in Welland. Only 40 penalty minutes were assessed all for minor infractions, with Niagara drawing 22 minutes and the Condors 16.

The large ice surface gave the players lots of room to skate and Niagara had too much at stake to be drawn into another fight-fest. Conestoga's inablilty to convert any of their penalties was a deciding factor in the game.

Knights coach Fred Bassi was determined to clinch the league title before the team travelled to Penn State for two games in two nights against the Nittany Lions. The Knights are in the middle of a tough road stand involving three games in four nights.

The Knights had set the stage to clinch the league title Saturday night with the eleventh game of their win streak against the lowly University of Rochester.

FOUR GOALS

Chris Gallagher had four goals for Niagara in the 10-2 victory over the last-place Yellow Jackets. Brian Rome, Mike Martineau, Lance Parcher, and the Mooridians each added singles to their goal totals against Rochester.

Rochester had jumped out to a 1-0 lead with less than a minute gone in the game before the Knights got down to business and opened a 8-2 margin after two periods.

NOTES: The Knights leave this morning for State College, Pennsylvania, to do battle against the Nittany Lions ... Niagara beat the Lions 5-4 in overtime at home earlier this season ... Niagara has earned a first-round bye for the ICHL play-offs ... This year's play-offs will be held in Kitchener ... Coach Bassi is hoping to grab both league and play-off crowns to mark his twentieth season with the Knights.

There is joy in Mudville. The Niagara Knights swarm off the bench in celebration of their 3-2 victory over the Conestoga Condors Wednesday night. The win clinched the ICHL league championship for the Knights with three games still remaining in their schedule.

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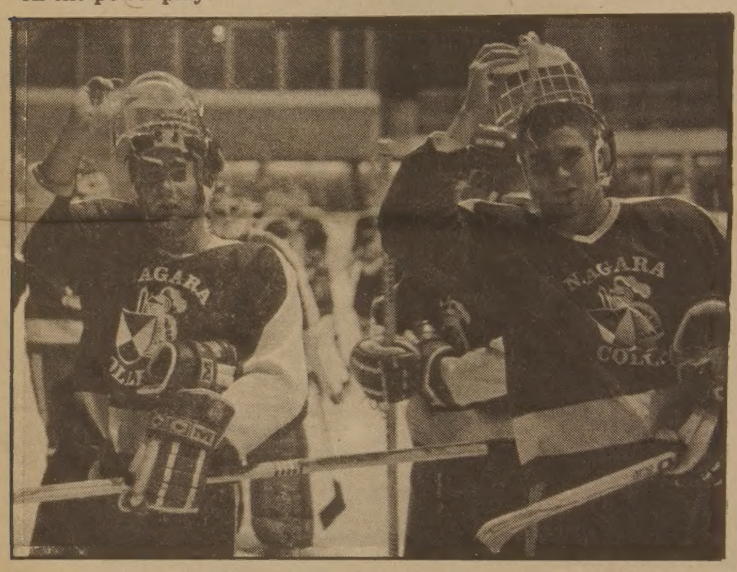

The winners of the Niagara Knights Doublemint Twin look-alike contest, Mike (left), and Dave (right) Mooridian. The brothers were happy with having scored the tying and winning goals to clinch the Knights' league title.

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ICHL STANDINGS

	W	L	T	Pts
Niagara	13	2	0	26
Erie C.C.	10	7	0	20
Conestoga	9	6	0	18
Penn St.	8	5	1	17
Buff St.	8	6	1	17
U. of B.	2	11	0	4
U. Roch.	1	13	0	2

Sarkis scouting

V-ball plans for next year

By SHEILA McBRAYNE
Staff Writer

Ray Sarkis loves volleyball. In fact, he has canvassed high school tournaments in search of future players to keep his dream team alive.

"What I intend to do in the future is to get out to more of the high school tournaments like London, Toronto or Hamilton," Ray said. He went to the OFSSAA volleyball tournament for men last November in Welland and Pelham. "I spoke with over 30 players and all the coaches, and I picked out particular players that I thought could help us."

He gave the players college calendars and an athletic program schedule that was followed by a letter. "Even if I pick up two or three players a year, it's a start to building a good team." Ray invited the players to come to the college for a tour of the campus. Three of the 30 players have already applied to Niagara College for next September and others are still undecided.

This is the first year that a Niagara coach has actually gone out and recruited players, but it is done by other colleges. "Sheridan and Cambrian do it," he said. "Cambrian even offers scholarships.'"

Ray has had a rough season this year with his team and despite players quitting and the strike, the team has managed to keep going.

"If all the guys that started the team this year had stayed, we'd be shooting for nothing less than third in all Ontario, after the OCAA finals, right now,'" he said.

"It's all for the love of the sport. The accomplishments my teams have made are satisfactory for me." Ray does not want to see the volleyball team go into remission again as it did from 1978 until 1986.

"I ended up calling up players that I had cut at the beginning of the season. I was lucky they came back," he said. The team's last tournament at Cambrian College in Sudbury last weekend secured their fourth spot to take them to the playoffs.

Volleyball is not a strong sport in the Niagara Region. Ray blames this on the emphasis put on basketball in the high schools. "Basketball players use volleyball as a warm-up. They don't take it seriously." Ray takes volleyball very seriously.

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Evaluation for a few bad apples

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the last two to three years has been such that faculty evaluation was not something management wanted to venture into.

"I think people should have annual performance evaluations which are done in a constructive, fair manner. I think if you're going to tackle this 48-hour time frame and establish a system whereby perhaps the director sat there for a full hour once a semester, or has the opportunity to drop in, there is a trust and understanding that a person may wander into your lab for five to 10 minutes," he said. "Performance is based on a lot of activities over a long period of time, not a one-shot 50 minutes make or break."

Tom Fraser, council chairman, said the lack of a proper evaluation policy has allowed people to abuse the sustem without anything being written down in the files.

"When it comes to the time when someone says, 'I've had enough,' the files are empty."

Mr. Fraser told council the college must have a system that recognizes excellence, and to assist those who are not at the excellence part to get into the excellence mode.

"We have a large body of faculty here who do a great job. We do have some who chronically do a poor job. We do have some from time to time doing a poor job, and there are particular medical or social reasons for that. We need a policy that addresses all of those; a policy that addresses people who have a problem that is being taken care of, or is being in some way ameliorated for that individual," he said. "I want the people who are chronically doing a bad job improved, or removed."

STUDENT INPUT

Mr. Fraser told council a major failing of policy 4-8 was the fact that there was so little student input. At present there is no student mechanism existing to expose errant faculty behavior without fear of retribution.

"We do other things besides walking into the classroom to teach, but dammit, that's the most important thing we do," he said. "There are other people who fill in the other parts quite nicely and while we are required to do some of that, our main job here is to teach. If we aren't putting the material across properly, we aren't doing our main job. If we do not have strong input from the student body, any policy we come up with is going to fail."

Wayne Ferry, business faculty, said there is a general malaise within faculty that says post-secondary education at Niagara is not the important function of the college... it is everything but education. He commented that teachers should support faculty evaluation, and that the issue should be addressed up front.

"People are good teachers because the job they do is important, and they think it is important," he said. "Teaching is a job you do by yourself. You don't get support from your peers because they don't know what you are doing. You get support from your environment. When that environment is supportive, most teachers will do a good job without evaluation," he said.

"I don't care what the enviroment is," Mr. Fraser said, "some teachers are going to need improvement come hell or high water."

Barb Cupolo, support staff, said an annual evaluation would relieve the "nitpicky" things, suggesting that when things are left too long they then become a big problem.

"If we were all responsible to whomever, and evaluation was done regularly, then it would help get all of the facts and input from the various levels we are looking at. We all have off days, and we all have good days. It would be nice to be encouraged, thanked, and praised along the way."

Dr. Knowles told council he thought the ideas of having three areas of passing comment — students, peers, management — "makes sense," so that one group doesn't have sole jurisdiction.

PRESENT POLICY

Ray Matthews, faculty, questioned what the current policy is for those "flagrant" abusers.

Dr. Tony Knowles explained if there is an abuse or violation of the contract, the director is certainly expected to talk to that individual to find out the circumstances. If after discussion the circumstances warrant more discussion outside of policy 4-8, the director issues a memo recommending things that person should or should not do. At the discretion of the director, that memo may or may not go into a personnel file. If the violation continues, the next memo may suggest disciplinary action, and the next stage after that is obviously dismissal.

"You have to be progressive in this," Dr. Knowles said. "You can't all of a sudden slap someone with a six-month suspension because they've done something."

MANAGEMENT

Mr. Delaney asked Dr. Knowles if anything was going to be done now, verbally, with those who are abusing the system, or any way evaluation duties can be conducted by others.

"It would make me feel a little bit better about proceeding," he said.

Dr. Knowles told council there is a lot of verbal interaction between manager and employee that cannot be turned over to support staff or someone else.

"I also have difficulty with slicing away specific job functions in a management position. I think for a person to do the job effectively, they have to do all the functions."

Mr. Fraser said directors have become increasingly isolated from faculty and "their ability to become computer literate has not improved their communication with faculty."

Dennis Malone, director of communications and academic studies, said management is "struggling" to spend as much time as it can with faculty.

"In 1974, I was responsible for 13 people in addition to teaching nine hours a week. Now I have 42; it is as simple as that."

Mr. Fraser asked if council was simply wasting time reviewing the 4-8 policy or developing any evaluation policy "if what we have are a number of directors who simply do not have the time to apply the policy no matter how good it is."

"It depends on how you apply the policy," Mr. Malone said. "If you are saying every director is going to apply the policy to every member every semester, there is an expectation there that is way too high. There needs to be a policy to work with those people who need extra work."

"We can't identify them if we don't have a policy that's being applied by the management," Mr. Fraser said.

"That's absolutely correct."

"It's a catch-22 situation, then," Mr. Fraser answered.

"But you have to start somewhere, so you start with policy," Mr. Malone said.

Mr. Fraser said evaluation must start with management evaluating everyone; otherwise how are they going to find out where the problems lie?

"I don't think the students should be subjected to three more years of crap because the manager hasn't gotten around to looking at that individual yet."

Dr. Knowles said the problem is that management may not know everything about a situation, and can deal with only what it is aware of. He said council must understand that what it sees is not necessarily what management sees.

"I think it is fairly obvious I am not noted for backing away from a difficult situation. In terms of the situation that already exists, if there are any faculty members or support staff uncomfortable with a situation, they can discuss that with his or her director; it is up to that director to decide what action should be taken in terms of rectifying it," he said. "You have my commitment we will in fact look into the situation."

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